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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended at para. 9 to update the reference patent application to the now issued patent corresponding thereto.

The specification has also been amended at para. 21 to correct a clear spelling error.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The examiner's reasons for allowance are overly brief, and fail to fully address the substantial differences in the numerous combinations recited in the various claims over the references of record.

Accordingly, all claims are entitled to the full and broad interpretation thereof commensurate with their specific features and differences, commensurate with a first office action allowance thereof, and commensurate with standard claim interpretation practice as found in the MPEP and case law.

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Accordingly, entry of this amendment under Rule 312 is warranted and is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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